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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed July 23, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 17, 18, 26, and 27.

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Amended five times) A method comprising:
- receiving from a user an input selecting a layer in an electronic artwork having a plurality of layers, the selected layer having content including one or more non-transparent regions in a transparent frame;
- for the selected layer of the artwork, defining an area by automatically determining a perimeter boundary of the one or more non-transparent regions;
- assigning an action to the area, the action defining a function that is to be activated when the area is selected; and

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